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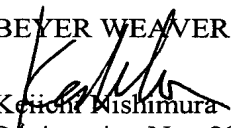
The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these references of official record in this application.

The cited reference was considered pertinent to the present application for disclosing a method of detecting a defect by calculating the directions of edge pixels on a target gradation image for detection and obtaining angular differences between edge pixels.

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